

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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On page 1, in between lines 6 and 8, please insert:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

On page 1, in between lines 17 and 19, please insert:

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2. Description of Related Art

On page 2, in between lines 17 and 19, please insert the following:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The present invention relates to a method for allocating time slots in a time division duplex communication system, in which the information is transmitted in predetermined time frames having a predetermined number of time slots. In a GSM-system, the number of time slots per time frame is 8. Each time frame comprises a fixed block of one receiving time slot and one transmitting time slot being adjacent to each other. For the case where the method according to the present invention is implemented in a communication unit as e.g. a mobile station, the receiving time slot is a downlink time slot and the transmitting time slot is an uplink time slot. The method for allocating time slots according to the present invention comprises the step of allocating at least the time slot adjacent to the receiving time slot as additional receiving time slot

and at least the time slot adjacent to the transmitting time slot as additional transmitting time slot dependent on an amount of information to be transferred. Thus, starting from the fixed block consisting of the receiving and the transmitting time slot, the time slots for receiving and transmitting are extended, whereby additional receiving time slots are added on the side of the receiving time slot of the fixed block and additional transmitting time slots are added on the side of the transmitting time slot of the fixed block. Thereby, the additional time slots can be added or additionally allocated crossing the border of two adjacent time frames. In other words, the additional time slots can be extended from one time frame into an adjacent time frame.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 of page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Advantageously, the number of additional receiving time slots and the number of additional transmitting time slots are independent from each other. This means, that data or information can be transferred asymmetrically between two communication units. The receiving and the transmitting time slot of the fixed block can be allocated to a common first communication unit, e.g. a mobile station, whereby the transmitting time slot precedes or is earlier than the receiving time slot. In other words, the transmitting time slot is positioned in front of the receiving time slot on the time axis, so that problems in view of the timing advance can be provided. The timing advance means, that the base station has to receive an uplink time slot at a correct timing. To meet this requirement, the transmission timing of the uplink time slot is adjusted e.g. by a mobile station taking the propagation delay into consideration. Of course, the propagation delay is more important in outdoor environments, in which communication units as e.g. mobile stations are sometimes moved with high speed or in which multipath effects occur.